

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) **CONFIDENTIAL** REPORT  
 TOPIC Military Information from Halle

EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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REMARKS                     

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1. Ten tanks, probably JSs; 32 tanks, probably T-34s; and 15 trucks  
 left the Heeres Nachrichtenschule in  
 Halle in the morning of 4 May 1951.

On the morning of 5 May 34 tanks,  
 probably T-34s, and 4 tanks, probably JSs, were observed crossing the  
 Mansfelder Brucke (bridge) going east toward the Berlin highway.  
 the movement of tanks in this direction began  
 early on 4 May and lasted until the evening of 5 May. A convoy of about  
 40 motor vehicles from the installation was observed on 5 May.

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Columns seen on 18 May included 16 tanks, probably T-34s; 2 armored scout  
 cars; several sedans; a large number of trucks loaded with billeting  
 equipment, building-material, ammunition, and gasoline; 6 tank trucks;  
 and a smaller tank with a superstructure which believed to be a  
 rocket launcher.

After the departure of these columns from the installation,  
 about 50 percent of the 6,000 to 8,000 troops stationed in the  
 Heeres-Nachrichtenschule had left. Their destination could not be determin-  
 ed. Only two sentries were observed at a side gate of the installation  
 on 18 May, whereas individual sentries every 50 meters had been seen at  
 the installation on 2 and 5 May.

2. The settlement next to the Heeres-Nachrichtenschule, which was previously  
 occupied by Soviet officers, was vacant. Billeting equipment was loaded

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on trucks [REDACTED]

on 17 and 18 May.

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3. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne was still partly occupied by about 1,000 troops who were engaged in training. The tanks sheltered in the former repair hangars had apparently left. Since the installation and the Heeres Nachrichtenschule have one gate which is used jointly by the troops in both billeting areas, it is possible that the vehicles mentioned as coming from the Heeres Nachrichtenschule may have come from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. \*\*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The movements were linked with the engineer exercise which were held in the Dessau-Aken area from 5 to 17 May 1951 and which involved the bulk of the 21st Gds Pz Div. [REDACTED]

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. It has not been determined whether the units returned to their posts after the completion of the engineer exercise or whether they moved to the Kindel troop training grounds. The present report stating, that the barracks installations were only partly occupied, that the officers billets were vacated, and that billeting equipment was hauled off, indicates that the units left again after a short stay at the post. [REDACTED]

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